

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 8, 2001

The Annual Town Budget Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.in the auditorium of the Mansfield Middle School by the Town Clerk Joan E. Gerdson. Town Clerk read the warning of the meeting.

Ms. Ann Rash, 35 Riverview Road, moved and Mrs. Eleanor Plank, 99 Dog Lane, seconded to nominate Fred A. Cazel, Jr. as Moderator for the meeting. By acclamation Mr. Cazel assumed the position as Moderator.

There were approximately 250 persons in attendance.

Mr. Carl Schaefer, Councilmember and Chairman of the Finance Committee read the resolutions of the Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Dennison Nash, Route 195, Mansfield Center.

RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 in the amount of \$23, 528,420 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April 25,2001, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No. 19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2001 to June 30,2002 and said sums currently estimated at \$6,600,510, shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 in the amount of \$3,467,500 be adopted provided that the portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times, be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 in the amount of \$3,691,850 be adopted.

Mr. Schaefer spoke on the budget as presented and identified key issues. He urged the passage of this budget.

Mr. Bill Simpson, Chairman of the Board of Education thanked Councilmembers for their past and present support of the Education portion of the Town's budget and the Administration for their hard work on the budget. He urged townspeople to pass the budget.

Ms. Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor of the Town, thanked the Councilmembers, the Board of Education, the Regional Board, the Town staff for their diligence and hardwork on the budget and the voters who came to the meeting tonight to listen to the presentation and vote.

Mr. JC Martin, 268 Mansfield City Road, moved to amend the budget by deleting \$1.15 million from Capital expenditures for the Community Center. Seconded by Mr. John Federowicz, 568 Browns Road.

Discussion followed.

Mr. M. Schor of 91 Browns Road, reiterated the right of the council to bond or not on issue of expenditures for the Community Center. He urged passage of the budget as presented.

Mr. Richard Pellegrine, 269 Clover Mill Road, requested that the vote be by ballot.
Ms. Louise Lent, 19 Daleville Road, seconded the motion.

Mr. Richard Sherman, 43 Pinewoods Lane, called the question. Seconded by Cynara Stites, 122 Hanks Hill Road.
By voice vote, the nays had it. Discussion continued.

Mr. Peter Rich, 42 Fern Road, spoke on the Community Center. He is in favor of the center, but not where it is proposed to be built-in back of Town Hall.

Linda Decker, 53 Constitution Square, spoke in favor of the Community Center.

MaryAnn Ducette, Beech Mountain Circle, is totaling opposed to the building of the Community Center.

Mr. Howard Raphaelson, 119 Timber Drive, spoke and then moved the question. Seconded by Linda Decker.

Vote to Call the question. So passed.

Vote by Voice to delete 1.15 from Capital. Nays had it. Funds not deleted.

Mr. Tim Quinn, 101 Depot Road, called the question. Seconded by John Fisher, 35 Edgewood Extension.

So passed.

Voice vote on all resolutions. So passed.

At 8:32 p.m. Mr. Richard Sherman moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to adjourn the meeting.
So passed unanimously.

Fred A. Cazel, Jr., Moderator

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk